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REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT ASSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to modify the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) whether a review of the EAS has been done of 257 districts where this scheme is in force;

(c) if so, the findings of this review;

(d) whether the scheme has not generated the expected employment;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of the basic outlines of the proposed revamped Employment Assurance Scheme; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government for proper implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a),(f) & (g) The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) has been launched w.e.f September 25, 2001.The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) & the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) will get fully merged with the new Scheme.However, the EAS and the JGSY will continue as a part of the new Scheme for the current year.Under the SGRY, 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains amounting to Rs. 5000 crores (at economic cost) will be provided every year, free of cost to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The remaining funds (Rs. 5000 crores) will be utilized, to meet the cash component of wages and material cost. The payment of foodgrains will be made by the Ministry of Rural Development to Food Corporation of India (FCI) directly.About 100 crores mandays of employment are envisaged to be generated every year to the rural areas through the SGRY.

(b) & (c) The Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented in all the districts.The Ministry has evolved a comprehensive system of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the Programmes including the EAS.The important instruments of the monitoring mechanism are as follows:

i. Through periodical Progress Reports and returns.
ii. Through Utilization Certificates and Audit Reports submitted at the time of release of the 2nd instalment under the scheme.
iii. Visit of designated Area Officers to the States from time to time.
iv. Review of the Performance by Performance Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Secretary (RD).
v. Conduct of studies from time to time with the help of reputed and independent Research Institutions/Organizations etc.

(d) & (e) During 2000-2001, the target for employment generation under the EAS was 2594.47 lakh mandays, against which 2183.92 (84%) lakh mandays of employment was generated as per the reports received from the State Governments.